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Father Seifert -- A Strong Leader

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Courage, foresight, self - discipline, enthusiasm—these are some of the desirable qualities that played key roles in the establishment of Saint Joseph's College. In particular, these characteristics were a foundation of strength for Father Augustine Seifert, the school's first president, and through the years they have continued to serve subsequent SJC presidents and administrators well.

Father Seifert stands above all others as a guiding light for Saint Joseph's during its formative years in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

What kind of man was he? How did he meet the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing an infant college during 1890-1913? Some of these answers are now clear and they provide meaningful reflections as this nation's 1976 Bicentennial causes all of us to reflect on the history of national, state and local organizations and institutions.

All those who knew Father Seifert knew a man strong of body and character who eagerly shouldered responsibility, and preached and practiced a basic philosophy of life that stressed hard work, obedience to authority and allegiance to his Church. He was named Saint Joseph's first president in 1890 at the age of 32, when he arrived to supervise construction of the first college building.

His presidency continued until the summer of 1913 when he retired to serve principally in convent chaplaincies until his death Dec. 16, 1937. The lone interruption in his guidance of the college came during 1899-1903, when he was director of Saint Charles Seminary at Carthagena, Ohio.

A native of Tiffin, Ohio, Father Seifert's principles were largely shaped by the economic, social and religious atmosphere in which he grew up. Born in 1857, he entered grade school during the Civil War, in times when the Catholic Church faced many struggles and enemies. While Protestants and Catholics squabbled in the United States, Italian nationalists seized the last remnants of the Papal States—a genuine threat to the existence of the Papacy and the Church itself. Moreover, U.S. Catholics were accused of double allegiance, one to the U.S. government, the other to Rome.

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These influences were intensified by the religious society that Father Seifert entered—the Society of the Precious Blood. Born in Rome in 1815, this society came to the United States on New Year's Day, 1844, leaving behind the problems of an Old World only to encounter those of the New World.

Chief New World problems were overcoming primitive physical conditions facing the German Catholic immigrants in Ohio, plus preserving the faith in a pluralistic society. Father Seifert's seminary training at Carthagena, Ohio, might have seemed rustic and wholly inadequate, yet his conviction of the necessity of Catholic education was overpowering.

When Father Seifert was ordained in 1881 the 80 priests—many of them, especially the older ones, with little formal education in even the English language. Thus a man of some talent and leadership qualities, such as Father Seifert had, could readily become a giant among his own.

His assignment as Saint Joseph's first president came suddenly—falling eight years as pastor in rural parishes near Carthagena. He also taught at Saint Charles Seminary before this assignment. Gathering a faculty, designing a curriculum and supervising construction of the first college building were his immediate chores in face of meager educational and financial resources.

The school was built south of Rensselaer on the site of a Diocesan orphan farm, but the risks were somewhat diminished due to the strong support of Precious Blood Provincial Father Henry Drees and the Bishop of Fort Wayne, the Most Reverend Joseph Dwenger. Bishop Dwenger had earlier established the major seminary at Carthagena in 1861 and he desired that a preparatory school be opened at Rensselaer—a junior college whose primary aim was to provide pre-seminary training for future priests.

There were as yet few parochial schools, and Saint Joseph's would thus fill a clear, definite need. Moreover, Bishop Dwenger reasoned he could in turn encourage other dioceses to join in the support of this school by providing students.

Nevertheless, the risks of starting a college were substantial. The school's principal endowment was its 32-acre farm plot, but except for a small board and tuition fee of \$80 per semester, operating resources would have to be provided by the Precious Blood Society which had no firm budgeting system.

Consequently, priests in parishes and missions con-

tributed somewhat haphazardly. A document accompanying the school's articles of incorporation in 1889 asked each priest member to contribute \$100, and half of the first college building was erected. After two years of operation, it seemed safe to complete the building in 1893.

To say Father Seifert "supervised" matters at Saint Joseph's is an understatement.

He guided the school's affairs with a strong if not arbitrary hand, working as hard and even harder than might be expected from one man.

He taught a class load of up to 24 hours a week and carried out administrative duties that are now shared by many personnel. So close, in fact, was his scrutiny of college developments that he acquired the nickname "Daddy" Seifert.

When Saint Joseph's College completed its administration building in 1893 under the watchful guidance of Father Seifert, some observers regarded this as the climax of the "brick-and-mortar age."

This view was hardly accurate, for it marked only the beginning of the growth of the college's physical plant.

During these challenging years, Father Seifert supervised every part of college operations as the sole man responsible—not only to the bishops who sent students here but also to his superior in the Society of the Precious Blood, whose students were being educated here and from whom he needed support.

Most obvious of Father Seifert's work today is the physical plant and start of an enrollment increase. The student population grew slowly, passing the 200 mark only in 1908-09, but then reaching more than 300 two years later. Paralleling this growth was that of the physical plant.

After the Administration Building (destroyed by fire in 1973) was completed, additional buildings came quickly: Gaspar Hall (called Minim Building) in 1897; the old gymnasium (now replaced by Science Hall) in 1904; adjoining buildings from the current postoffice to the computer center (which housed the power plant) also in 1904; Dwenger Hall in 1907; Aquinas Hall (then a sisters' convent) in 1909; and the chapel in 1910. The water tower was added in 1911.

Father Seifert cherished the most expensive of these buildings: the chapel, which stood as an outward symbol of the faith of the college. The school's 300 students all came there at least twice a day, once for Mass and once for Benediction and prayers in the evening.

Modern-day inflation and recession cause enough money woes, but funds to support a young Saint Joseph's didn't come easily either. During the first 20 years, tuition and board went from \$80 to \$110, but this hardly paid the bills.

A bulk of supportive funds came from several sources, though the breakdown percentages is unknown today. A bigger and improved farm surrounding the school was a major asset—it produced much of the school's food, and the Society of the Precious Blood contributed admirably, at least in the larger building projects.

Contributed services, however, provided the largest boost. Nearly all the teaching was contributed by priests of the Society, while C.P.P.S. lay brothers performed nearly all the non-teaching services, such as work in the fields and shops and as prefects. The Sisters of the Precious Blood were the work force in the kitchen and laundry (which also mended clothes in those days) for a very small salary.

With the dedication of the chapel in 1910, Father Seifert's work was essentially finished. The college's physical plant had grown to six major buildings on an 80-acre campus, the student body was up from 54 to 322 and the original faculty of six now stood at 24.

Saint Joseph's had reached something of a plateau at this point, because no addition in enrollment, faculty or buildings was made until 1936, when the college made the major decision to transform into a senior college.

Regrettably, college archives contain none of Father Seifert's written documents, although a 1917 address to major seminarians at Carthagena reveals some of his historical observations.

He viewed the Precious Blood Society in three stages—the pioneer days preceding him, the days of firm establishment (including his years at Saint Joseph's) and the days of expansion in the future.

Father Seifert never anticipated the growth of Saint Joseph's into its current status—for him, the school was to support the education of future priests and missionaries first of all, then provide an education for Catholic laity. The college remained firm to this commitment in the spirit of its first president until 1935, and although he lived until 1937, it can only be speculated that his attitude toward major changes in the school at that time was negative.

But in his own words, an age had passed by, and he was passing also.

Personal recollections of Father Seifert are varied, yet quite consistent. Most early students were somewhat



afraid of him and there was little question as to who governed the college.

Father Seifert was considered a good teacher, specializing in math and business courses. He was also an excellent preacher, though more is remembered about his work and discipline. He ran his day on an organized schedule with not a minute to waste—featuring the same discipline and promptness he impressed on his students. In later years, these same students became college faculty and imitated his principles.

He was a tough supervisor of summer labor on campus, although he was the first to bring treats to the workers as a reward for a job well done under the blazing sun.

Best remembered by students was the quick, hard discipline enforced by Father Seifert. Chapel penances were a frequent form of punishment, though a direct confrontation with the president was feared more, as his words were often more awesome than his bite.

Most memorable were public expulsions of students, handled somewhat in the manner of a Church excommunication. One religious student who reportedly flirted with several girls was subsequently called in front of the study hall, ordered to remove his cassock, then flogged with a bundle of string twigs tied together. One observer reported "a new kind of exorcism it was. The next train took on another passenger and we went about our daily tasks."

One of the first secular students recalls another incident when a deacon challenged a secular student to a wrestling match. The deacon lost three quick falls, but he didn't like the decisions of the amateur referee and he told Father Seifert he had been assaulted by the secular student.

Almost immediately, the students were summoned to the chapel, where Father Seifert solemnly described punishments due those who assaulted a cleric. Called to the front of the chapel, Father Seifert asked the secular student "Did you attack the deacon?" "No, he dared me to wrestle with him," came the answer.

"You mean that the deacon challenged you to wrestle him?" Father Seifert asked. "Yes," the secular student responded. Father Seifert then made note of what a deacon was not supposed to do, dismissed the meeting after slapping one student for laughing out loud, and headed for a meeting with the deacon "looking like Jove about to throw a few thunderbolts around."

Although Father Seifert was severe and almost arbitrary to a fault, he could be very considerate, especially when shifting from the role of a prefect to that of counselor, as in the confession. He impressed alumni by practicing what he preached behind the facade of authority and harshness.

The college's sole administrator, he taught a full class load and started each day by celebrating 5 a.m. Mass of the religious, then always participated in the daily evening devotions. "Meditations gave him an opportunity to bring home religious principles and practical lessons based on his experience and observation," one former student recalls.

"SEVERE IN DISCIPLINE, YET A CONSIDERATE COUNSELOR."

Remembered as an excellent preacher, Father Seifert was not small-minded. For example, he didn't attempt to sneak in on people, trying to catch them in wrongdoing—when he went to his quarters, he slammed the door, and stayed there the rest of the night.

Off-campus, Father Seifert was well-known in Rensselaer and respected for being a forthright and open man. On one occasion when the school was involved in a lawsuit over drainage rules, he insisted on being his own lawyer and won his case.

Not everyone, however, liked him, and in some correspondence written by his associates he was criticized for occasionally playing cards with other priests until late into the night. This, however, was more a mark of hospitality, for these priests were members of the diocese who encouraged boys to come to the school.

Like all men, he had his good and bad points. But he was above all a strong-willed, dedicated leader, and that's precisely what Saint Joseph's needed to survive and even prosper during its formative years.

One of the finest compliments you can pay a person is to say "he practices what he preaches." This, it turns out, could be the most fitting summarization of Father Augustine Seifert, the first President of Saint Joseph's College.



Alumni Class Notes

1917
Mory Goepfert, the daughter of Leo T. Beck, writes that her 84-year-old father speaks fondly of Saint Joe. He is living in a nursing home in Akron, Ohio.

1937
Robert W. Sneider, who contacted multiple sclerosis while serving in WW II, is now confined to a wheelchair. Bob is residing with his wife in Sequin, Tex., and they ask for your prayers.

1941
Robert Duax was elected mayor of Davenport, Iowa. On election night, Bob was surrounded by his 11 children and 15 grandchildren as the returns come in.

1944
Paul E. Brunton, formerly vice-president of group operations for business machines and revenue systems group of Litton Industries, Inc., has joined Rohr Industries, Inc., as vice-president and chief financial officer.

1945
Edward J. O'Donnell has three children still attending Saint Joseph's College.

Daniel Reinman has been employed since 1953 at Burgess Industries in South Carolina, conducting a research program which specializes in air handling equipment. He also does engineering services for a local coil manufacturer. Dan and his wife, Angela, are the parents of four sons and a daughter. Two sons and a daughter have attended Saint Joseph's.

1946
Carl "Bud" Dietrich spent June, 1975 working for an American Company in Rome, Italy, then lectured to magicians in Rome, Milan, Zurich, Heelbraan, Munich, Frankfort, Vienna and Brussels. Bud still lives in Belleville, Ill.

1948
Francis A. Lucisano, formerly vice-president and director of contracts and services of ITT Cable Hydrospace Division, San Diego, Calif., has been appointed director of material at Federal Electric Corporation. FEC is a major contractor at the Kennedy Space Center and Space and Missile Test Center, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

1950
Thomas E. Quinn, one of the top quarterbacks in SJC football history, was inducted into the SJC Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies in Alumni Fieldhouse Jan. 24.

Cletus L. Brosmer, who swings a mean golf club at the Jasper Country Club in Jasper, Ind., has recruited a new Fellow for the college.

Clarence Giess and his wife Alberta have just completed their 25th anniversary with the Institute of European Studies, a group they co-founded in 1950, to afford an opportunity for American students to study in Europe.

1951
Hubert J. Miller, a professor at Pam American University in Edinburg, Tex., has had his Tinker Pamphlet series for teaching Mexican American history republished in microfiche by an educational firm in Los Cruces, N.M.

Thomas M. Crawford is now assistant treasurer of New England Gas and Electric Co., in Cambridge, Mass.

1952
Al Gallo's son Gregg was elected national president of the CYO at the convention in San Antonio, Tex., held last Nov. 1-2. Al lives with his family in Bloomington, Ind., where he gave up teaching and coaching after 16 years to begin work with American United Life Insurance Co.

1953
Rev. Joseph D. Konkel, who is working for the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, is director of the Catholic Newman Association at the University of Houston. A new Catholic Student Center was dedicated there Feb. 8, 1976.

1954
Joe Pindell and his family visited with Dr. Albert La Torra in Palm Beach, Fla. Dr. La Torra was physician of the month last October. In 1973 he published a book that combined his profession and hobby, "Medical Photography for Surgeons."

1955
Jerome Blaesing is executive vice-president for B & B Instruments of Hammond, Ind. Jerry and his family live in Munster, Ind.

1956
Louis J. Schager and his wife Pat live with their 12 children in Palatine, Ill.

Harold Vanden Bossche is now employment Manager for Chrysler Motors in Detroit. He previously was a trouble-shooting lawyer at Chrysler.

1957
John A. Tobin is a credit manager with Coca Cola Co., of Atlanta, Ga. He lives with his family in Stone Mountain, Ga.

1958
Rev. Bernard J. Mullen is serving as the representative for religious for the Jefferson City, Mo., Diocese.

1959
Thomas M. Freehill is now principal of a new elementary school in Glendale, Ariz. He lives with his family in Phoenix, Ariz.

Richard T. Vallin was recently promoted to the rank of Commander in the U.S. Navy. He is serving as Secretary to the Director for plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C.

1960
Dr. Gary Lynch, University of Idaho associate professor of economics, has been named dean of the School of Business Administration at the University of Evansville.

Sister Corita Lagerbloom is now working in the missions of Guayaquil, Ecuador, South America.

1962
For your winter skiing needs, get in touch with Thomas Blake, who is General Manager of Snowmass, Colo. Fathers Bernord Meiring and Sante Reale were guests of Tom's on a recent skiing trip.

Marty Shannon received his M.A. in economics in 1964 at Notre Dame and is now systems programming manager at the State of Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations. Marty, his wife Martha and three children live in Madison, Wis.



FRANCIS A. LUCISANO, '48

1964
Richard Schreiber moved to the San Francisco area from Chicago in June, 1973, and was named Executive Vice-President of U.S. Flexible Metallic Tubing Co.

1965
Sister Virginia Luebke is presently working on her master's degree in business administration at the University of Chicago.

Joseph "Huck" Quigley Jr., has been promoted to National Account Executive for Equifax Services, Inc. Huck, his wife Sharon and two children will be moving to Atlanta, Ga.

1966
David Berner is manager of systems and programming at the Richardson Co., a firm with primary interests in storage battery ports, graphics and materials and polymeric systems. Dave, his wife Chormane and three children own a home in Bellwood, Ill.

Dr. Albert W. Johnson is teaching at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, Ill., and practices orthodontics in Riverside, Ill. His family lives in LaGrange Park, Ill.

Tom Murphy is living in Hinsdale, Ill., and is a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, working as a floor broker with Heinold Commodities.

1967
Dennis Dunn recently became executive director of the Mid-America Agri-Trade Council-Miatco, a non-profit market development company set up by the 12 midwest state governments to handle all food and agricultural products for exports. Dennis travels world wide, finding buyers for food, grain and livestock. Dennis, his wife Nancy and two children live in Libertyville, Ill.

Bill O'Connor is a merchandising manager for Sears.

James F. Maloney is a police sergeant for the city of Brooklyn, Ohio.

1968
Don Knueve is director of probation services in Defiance County Juvenile Court at Defiance, Ohio.

James Inkrott is working at Central Mutual Insurance Co., as an assistant secretary and actuary. Jim, his wife Marilyn and two children reside in Van Wert, Ohio.

Dr. Philip Reilly Hunt recently graduated summa cum laude from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa.

Dr. Joseph W. Hake spent two years as a Navy lieutenant at Parris Island, S.C., and is now practicing dentistry in Huntington, Ind.

1969
Andrew W. Kramer is a chemical engineer for Procter and Gamble of Cincinnati. He recently returned from a two-year startup assignment at a pulp mill in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada.

1969
Frank R. Shirer has been assigned to the third armored division in Friedberg, Germany.

James D. Graham is currently regarded as one of the best coaches of class A football in Ohio.

Father Ralph Verdi has been named to the International Who's Who In Music.

Charles Frank Niccum is employed by Clerkin Machinery Co., Inc., of Indianapolis.

1970
Edward J. Niebuhr is now living in Fair Lawn, N.J., with his wife Joan and two children. Ed is now employed by Bache & Co., in New York City after serving four years in the Navy.

John Foster Potter is teaching in the New Buffalo Area Schools and resides in Galien, Mich.

Dan DeVoe won the New York City private school championship as a high school coach last year and is also coaching football at St. John's University.

Tom Green is playing semi-pro football in the New York Metropolitan Conference.

Stephen R. Gruchacz has been appointed director of recreation therapy at Essex County Hospital Center in Cedar Grove, N.J.

1971
James Hester is a customer service agent with Delta Airlines, and was a recent recipient of the President's Customer Service Award, with a recognition in the DELTA DIGEST.

Ronald E. Chrzanowski has been appointed co-chairman of the Rhode Island Intramural Sports Council. Ron lives in Barrington, R.I., and is director of physical education and intramurals at St. Andrew's School.

Peter J. Gallant has recently returned to the U.S. from Liberia, West Africa, where he worked with the Peace Corps community development and later with the Ministry of Local Government.

1972
Brian F. Koch worked this past summer for the U.S. Geological Survey and is now finishing his master's thesis in geophysics at Boston College.

Joseph Miller is in his third year of theology at St. John's Seminary in Collegeville, Minn.

1973
Jack Maris has joined the Chicago office of Dean Witter and Co., as an account executive.

Steven Lauryn worked under George Keathley at the Ivonhoe Theatre in New York City before its untimely close, and is now properties master for Keep Productions, Inc., in New York.

Ralph Pollaro is assistant controller with Illinois Commodities Corp., a division of U.S. Home.

Gary Swink has received a master of science degree in microbiology from Michigan State University. He is currently department head of microbiology at Hockley Hospital in Muskegon, Mich.

Bob Swisher is with the U.S. Air Force as a navigator, and recently was transferred to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. Bob, his wife Gladys and daughter Amy had been living at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Gene Jones has returned to college for his master's degree in business administration.

Theresa Thoesen is working for Nationwide Insurance as a computer programmer in Columbus, Ohio. She also plans to attend night school at Ohio State to earn her master's degree in business administration.

Edward Hein is in Israel until April, writing feature stories for several American newspapers, including the Seattle Times. He will receive his master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1976.

1974
Henk De Ree is a general science and math teacher and his wife Francis (King) De Ree teaches math at a junior high school in North Canton, Ohio.

Deborah (Brockert) Kraemer and her husband Gerry Kroemer are teaching at Grove School for exceptional children in Lake Forest, Ill.

Kevin P. McCarthy is a math teacher and assistant football and head basketball coach at Seton Catholic Junior High School in Houston, Tex.

1975
Jim Thorsden is studying medicine at the University of Madrid in Spain.

Werner Homan teaches math at Noblesville, Ind.

William Sobie is a computer programmer for the Continental Bank in Chicago.

Ruth Ann Marchino is bond director at Clinton Central Elementary School in Michigantown, Ind., and lives in Frankfort, Ind.

Richard G. Bauer has received a degree in business administration from Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, Mich. He is now attending graduate school and plans to enter law school.

Nick Schroeder passed his CPA exam in May, 1975, and is employed by Buckingham, Donaldson, and Knueven, Inc., in Findlay, Ohio.

John Kruse is attending law school at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio.

Computer Center awarded \$15,000 U.S. Steel grant

Saint Joseph's College computer center has received a grant of \$15,000 from the U.S. Steel Foundation, Inc., in Pittsburgh to support the second stage of development of a planning and management system for small colleges.

This grant comes as a follow-up to a \$20,000 U.S. Steel grant to Saint Joseph's in 1973. Saint Joseph's successfully employed that grant to conduct an analysis of the feasibility of small colleges using the National Center of Higher Education Management Systems.

"Through our analysis, we showed that a small college could successfully implement this management system in relation to cost analysis," explains William Verbrugge, Chairman of Saint Joseph's Department of Computer Science.

"Saint Joseph's is extremely grateful to the U.S. Steel Foundation, Inc., for its continued support," he adds, "and with this second grant we hope to now make this management system adaptable to a wide range of small colleges and small computers, thereby reducing those institutions' implementation expense of cost analysis by up to 80 percent."



James T. Hosey, Vice-President and Executive Director of the U.S. Steel Foundation, Inc., says "this assistance continues our concern for Saint Joseph's College which has been expressed by several capital grants over the past years."

College President Father Charles Banet adds "the U.S. Steel Foundation, Inc., has played a key role in supporting Saint Joseph's as it seeks to develop and improve its academic programs in these times of rising costs. This type of support helps us rededicate ourselves to the goals of higher education for which Saint Joseph's stands."

Plans Set For Little 500

Saint Joseph's Student Association has announced plans for the running of the sixth annual Little 500 go-kart race, to be held Apr. 10.

The race starts at 12 noon and runs for four hours with the \$500 first prize going to the kart which completes the most laps. A first-place trophy is donated by the Chicago Parents Club; second place brings \$200 and an Alumni Association trophy; third place merits \$100 and the Phi Kappa trophy.

\$25,000 gift enables chapel renovation

Saint Joseph's College Chapel is being renovated and the renovation committee has chosen DaPrato-Rigali as general contractor for the work.

The basic architecture of the Chapel will not be altered, and general plans indicate the sanctuary doors and transept doors will be blocked up, as well as some of the windows.

The sanctuary platform and the altar of sacrifice will be moved forward and centered below the main dome; three pews will be removed to make room for this relocation, and two new, narrower pews will be placed at angles to the altar.

An effect of "a chapel within a chapel" will be created when the Blessed Sacrament Altar is moved to the South wall of the West transept. The organ and seating for the choir will be situated in the East transept. Confessionals will be removed from the chapel, and a confession room will be constructed for face-to-face confession as well as for screened confession.

Paintings in the Chapel are on canvas, and will be stored until suitable places for display are found. Pews will be removed and the floors refinished.

Committee members are still considering proposals concerning lighting, sound and statues of Mary and Joseph. The renovation is made possible by a \$25,000 gift from Benno Scheidler, a good friend of the college.



SJC receives unrestricted Sears grant

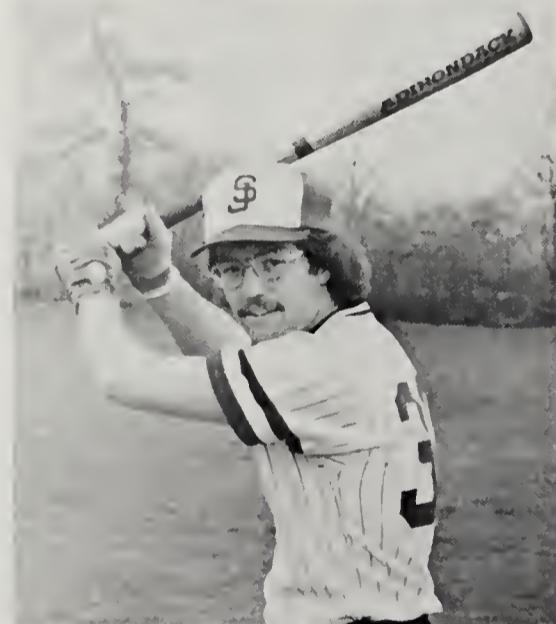
Saint Joseph's College has received a grant of \$800 from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, part of grants totaling more than \$34,000 that were distributed to 30 privately-supported Indiana colleges and universities.

The Indiana colleges and universities are among more than 850 private, accredited two and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in more than \$1,270,000 in Sears Foundation Funds during the 1975-76 academic year.

The grants are unrestricted to be used by the colleges and universities in any manner they consider necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, in 1975, invested more than \$850,000 in a variety of other educational activities. This brought the budgeted education expenditures of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation to more than \$2.1 million in 1975.

Mark Hahn wins All-American baseball honors



Mark Hahn, Saint Joseph's clutch-hitting shortstop from Warren, Pa., has been named to the 1975 Academic All-American Baseball Team as chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

He has compiled a 3.44 cumulative grade index, based on Saint Joseph's 4.00 scale, during his first four semesters at Collegeville. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hahn of Warren, he is a 1973 graduate of Warren High School.

Hahn led the 1975 Puma regulars in batting with a .317 average and in base hits with 40. He also ranked second on the team in runs scored with 22 and runs batted in with 20. He tied for team leadership in doubles with nine and stole eight bases in eight attempts.

He was named to the all-tournament team for the 1975 NCAA Division II Mideast Regional at Charleston, Ill., as the Pumas won 15 of their last 19 games and finished with a 27-16 record, the winningest year in SJC baseball history.

Hahn has been a member of the college Dean's List for the last three semesters and in 1974-75 he was named to Who's Who Among Outstanding College Athletes.

Dr. Garrity addresses Alumni Board

A report from Dr. Robert Garrity, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and the announcement of progress in alumni chapter developments highlighted the meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors on campus Dec. 6.

Dr. Garrity summarized his areas of jurisdiction, including the Academic Cabinet, library, admissions program, financial aids, placement and guidance, and the various academic departments. He noted that the admissions forecast looks good, and will undoubtedly improve still more as alumni intensify their efforts in student recruitment.

Academic Cabinet members are currently revising the Faculty Handbook and making a self-evaluation of the Core curriculum in preparation for presenting a request to the Lilly Endowment, Inc., for continued support in this area. Dr. Garrity said prospects are bright for continued funding in this area for the next two years.

James Madden, Alumni Association President, asked Board members for names of prospective new members to be added to the Board at the July meeting. He said these names should be given to him or Father Sante Reale by the March meeting.

Robert Ramesh, Vice-President for Alumni Relations, reported that progress is under way in developing and organizing active chapters in Milwaukee, Dayton, Lake County, LaPorte and South Bend. Gatherings after the Marquette game at Milwaukee and the Notre Dame game at South Bend led to a variety of ideas for chapter developments in these areas.

An Alumni Relations Committee has been formed to study ways of improving the annual Homecoming celebration, and it was announced that selection of the Senior-of-the-Year is in progress and the alumni recruitment program is moving into high gear.

Jerry Hoess, Vice-President for Financial Affairs, reported that the President's Report is in the mail, along with a mailer concerning "Nine Winter Ways to Help Saint Joe." A third mailer with a Bicentennial theme is being planned.

Although solicitations have not yet begun, the Alumni Fund stands at \$7,000, and it was stressed that some type of follow-up to the Brick-by-Brick campaign should be devised.

The next meeting of the Alumni Board is scheduled for Mar. 20.

MARRIAGES

Walter D. Payne '69 and Dietlinde Schneider, Oct. 11
Charles J. Cook '73 and Bernadette Horwath '74, July 19
Carol J. Lane '74 and Harvey W. Wood, Dec. 27
Gerald Kraemer '74 and Deborah Brockert, Mar. 1, in Wapakoneta, Ohio
Kevin P. McCarthy '74 and Mary McNamara '75, June 7
Bruce Wright '75 and JoAnna Straz '75, Sept. 13

BIRTHS

Blake Edward, born Jan. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Biggerstaff, '61
Rebecca Sue, born Dec. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kiefer, '61
Nancy Ann, born April 17, to Mr. and Mrs. John Sorota, '64
Twin daughters, Sara Ann and Emily Elizabeth, born Jan. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kleese, '67
Megan Marie, born Nov. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill O'Connor, '67
Tracey Anne, born April 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. McCarthy, '68
James Robert made his appearance Feb. 3, 1975, in the back seat of an auto at the emergency entrance to a hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Walsh, '68
Robert John Jr., born Oct. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hendelman, '69
Megan Ann, born Dec. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Swierk, '70
Michael James, born July 23, to Edmund J. Feeney '71 and Denise (Zat) Feeney '71
Colleen Megan, born April 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, '72
Aaron Dennis Michael, born July 18, to Gary Swink, '73 and Margaret (Deranek) Swink, '73

DEATHS

Clarence "Bert" Randall, '02, Jan. 6
Joseph John Leon, '33, Nov. 19
Herbert T. Cooney, '05, Jan. 28
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DAY 3 Visit the sites in the city of Athens

DAY 4 Have an excursion to the Island of Delphi to visit the famous Oracle of Delphi

DAY 5 Take a one-day cruise to the islands of Hydra and Aegina

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DAY 9 Visit Bethany, where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, and Jericho, where the walls came tumbling down, and the Dead Sea

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DAY 12 Leave Tel-a-viv for Cairo, Egypt

DAY 13 Tour Cairo, the famous pyramids, and the Alabaster Mosque

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DAY 15 Return to Cairo, say our farewells and have an overnight in Cairo

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